

**MINUTES
FREMONT REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
WORK SESSION
APRIL 21, 2009
FREMONT CITY HALL
5:30 P.M.**

1. PRELIMINARY

1.1 Call to Order: Chairperson Wasserman called the meeting to order.

1.2 Flag Salute: Vice Chair Natarajan led the salute to the flag.

1.3 Attendance: Present: Chairperson Wasserman, Vice Chairperson Natarajan, Agency Members: Wieckowski, Harrison, and Chan.

1.4 Announcements by Chairperson/City Manager – None.

2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – None.

3. PERFORMING ARTS CENTER STUDY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Redevelopment Agency Director Elisa Tierney reviewed the objectives for the revitalization of the Center Theater, the Agency's direction to staff, the scope of work undertaken for the feasibility market study, and introduced consultants Robert Bailey and Theodore De Long (AMS Planning & Research). Mr. Bailey and Mr. De Long presented the results of the study, which included the Performing Arts market, competition and need and outlined next steps. Chairperson Wasserman opened the item for public comment. Margaret Thornberry (Fremont Cultural Arts Council) expressed the need for performing arts venues in the City. M.A. Khamosh expressed concern about retaining retail shops in Centerville. Dirk Lorenz (Center Theater Preservation Group) requested that VenueTech Management Group, Inc., be allowed to make a formal presentation to the Agency regarding a new concept and proposed business plan. Bruce Green shared various ideas for bringing tourism to Fremont. There were no other speakers. Chairperson Wasserman closed public comment. Staff responded to questions from Agency Members. Agency Members provided comment. No action was taken.

4. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairperson Wasserman adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Attest:

Approved:

Dawn G. Abrahamson, Agency Secretary

BOB WASSERMAN, Agency Chairperson